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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO HICOMTERPACIS SAIGPAN

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8183

LNO GUAM

DISTAG MARIANAS

DOHP DEPT INTERIOR

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 10848

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE ATALIG, CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA, AND MAYOR ANTONIO BORJA OF TINIAN TO PHILIPPINES

REF: A) 150236Z SEPT 73 (HICOMTERPACIS)

B) 152230Z SEPT 73 (HICOMTERPACIS)

1. ATALIG AND BORJA ARRIVED IN MANILA ON SEPT 17 AND
ATALIG CONTACTED EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE
IN MAKING COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS. PURSUANT
TO GUIDANCE IN REF B, EMBASSY DULY PREPARED NOTE TO
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING SUCH AN APPOINT-
MENT; HOWEVER, IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ATALIG THAT MARCOS WAS
EXTREMELY BUSY AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE
THEM. THIS APPEARED TO SATISFY ATALIG AND, ALTHOUGH HE
PHONED EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES DURING WEEK TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION ON APPOINTMENT, HE APPEARED TO ACCEPT WITH
GOOD GRACE DIFFICULTY OF SCHEDULING VISIT AT MARCOS
LEVEL ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

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2. ATALIG AND BORJA CALLED AT EMBASSY ON SEPT 24 AND SAID THEY WERE LEAVING FOR TAIWAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY KOREA. THEY SOLICITED EMBASSY HELP IN A VISA CASE AND INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH THEIR VISIT TO PHILIPPINES NOTWITHSTANDING INABILITY TO SEE PRESENT MARCOS.

3. EMBOFF DID NOT PRESS ATALIG ON DETAILS OF PHILIPPINE VISIT, INASMUCH AS ATALIG APPEARED UNCOMMUNICATIVE. HOWEVER, ATALIG SAID "I DON'T THINK I WANT TO BECOME AN AMERICAN".

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF INTENTION OF ATALIG AND BORJA TO GO TO TAIWAN AND KOREA, HICOMTERPACIS MAY WISH TO PROVIDE EMBASSIES TAIPEI AND SEOUL WITH SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LIKELY PURPOSE THEIR VISITS.
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